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At the Court at Windsor, *the* 18*th of* August, 1712.

PRESENT

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day the Rt. Hon. *George* Lord *Lanſdowne*, was, by Her Majeſty's Command, ſworn one of the Lords of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

The Rt. Hon. *James* Earl of *Salisbury* took the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, his Lordſhip being Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Hertford.*

The Hon. *John Weſt*, Eſq; was, by Her Majeſty's Command, Sworn Clerk of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council in Extraordinary.

The following Addreſs from the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by *Thomas Boſwell*, Eſq; their High Sheriff, with ſeveral other Gentlemen, being introduced by Grace the Duke of *Kent*, Lord Lieutenant and *Cuſtos Rotulorum* of the ſaid County.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty.*

The humble Addreſs of the High Sheriff, Deputy-Lieutenants, Juſtices of the Peace and Grand Jury, aſſembled at the Aſſizes held the 30th of *July*, 1712. at the Town of *Bedford*, for the County of *Bedford*, and of other Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of the ſaid County.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THE Declaration Your Majeſty has been pleaſed (in great Condeſcenſion) to make to Your Parliament, of the Terms on which a Peace may be made, is that for which we are bound with the utmoſt Gratitude to return our moſt humble Thanks.

When we reflect on the many and ſignal Inſtances we have had of Your Majeſty's great and pious Care of our moſt Holy Religion, and tender regard to the Proteſtant Succeſſion, in the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*, we reſt fully aſſured that thoſe great and ineſtimable Bleſſings, will be in the moſt effectual Manner ſecured to us and our Poſterity; and from Your affectionate Concern for the Welfare of Your People, are fully ſatisfy'd that all poſſible Care will be taken of our Trade and other Intereſts.

The great and wonderful Succeſſes with which it has pleaſed the Almighty to bleſs Your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Arms, have fill'd our Hearts with Joy; and the great Zeal we have always had for Your Majeſty's Glory, and the Proſperity of Your Reign, has made us with the utmoſt Ardour wiſh to ſee this neceſſary and glorious War concluded by a Peace, honourable to Your Majeſty, juſt to Your Allies, and ſafe and laſting to Your People.

And we humbly beg leave at this time to aſſure Your Majeſty, that until ſuch a Peace can be obtained, we ſhall with all Chearfulneſs, to the utmoſt of our Power, contribute to any Supplies Your Majeſty (with the Advice of Your Parliament) ſhall think neceſſary for carrying on a vigorous War.

The following Addreſs from the Town and Port of *Hythe*, was preſented to Her Majeſty by *John Boteler*, Eſq; one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Lord High Treaſurer.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty,*

The humble Addreſs of the major Part of the Jurats, Commoners, Freemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of *Hythe*, in the County of *Kent.*

PErmit us, Dread Sovereign, amidſt the Crowd of Your faithful Subjects, with Hearts Freighted with the greateſt Loyalty, to approach Your Royal Throne, and tender You the juſt Tribute of our Applauſe and Gratitude; not only for Your Majeſty's moſt vigilant Care and Conduct by War, to force Your Enemies to Sue for Peace; but alſo for Your great Condeſcenſion, in laying the Terms thereof before Your People, and graciouſly procuring ſo great a Pledge for the Conſummating the ſame.

That the Right of making Peace and War is inherent to Your Majeſty's Power and Prerogative, muſt be acknowledged by all who are not Enemies to Monarchy, or miſled by Faction: And the Terms of Peace communicated by Your Majeſty, muſt be alſo admitted by all honeſt Minds, not only to give the utmoſt Security (humanely ſpeaking) for the Preſervation of Your own People, the enlargement of their Trade; and what is ſtill more dear, the further ſecuring the Proteſtant Succeſſion in the Illuſtrious Houſe of *Hanover*; but alſo demonſtrate Your Majeſty's great Juſtice to all Your Allies, in making their reſpective Intereſts an equal part of Your Royal Care, whereby the Balance of *Europe* is the better ſecured and preſerved.

We do not preſume to direct Your Sacred Majeſty, no, we only beg leave to Applaud and Admire, and do beſeech Your Majeſty to go on to perfect and compleat this great Work, in procuring a ſafe and honourable Peace, in ſuch manner as Your Royal Wiſdom ſhall judge moſt proper; that the further Effuſion of the Blood and Treaſure of Your People may be prevented, and the diſtant Poſterity, not only of this Nation, but of all the World, may adore Your Name, and admire the Glories of Your Reign.

The following Addreſs from the Borough of *Helſtone* in the County of *Cornwall*, was ſent up by *Sidney Godolphin*, Eſq; one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, and preſented to Her Majeſty by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Rocheſter*, Lord-Lieutenant of the ſaid County.

To the QUEEN's *moſt Excellent Majeſty,*

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, Free Burgeſſes, and other principal Inhabitants of Your Majeſty's Antient and Loyal Borough of *Helſtone*, in the County of *Cornwall.*

Dread Sovereign!

OF all the great and remarkable Inſtances of Your Majeſty's tender Care of, and affectionate Regard to Your Peoples Intereſt and Happineſs, there are none that more loudly call for our utmoſt Expreſſions of Thanks and Gratitude than Your late pious and glorious Endeavours of procuring a laſting Peace to *Europe*, by ſetling a real Balance of Power in it: And Your ſuperlative Condeſcenſion, in communicating to us the advantageous Terms upon which it may be made; which are ſo beneficial to Your Kingdoms, and ſo ſafe and honourable to all Your Allies: That we no leſs admire Your Majeſty's conſummate Wiſdom, and the indefatigable Zeal and prudent Conduct of Your Faithful Miniſtry, in ſurmounting the Difficulties which naturally occur in ſo weighty an Affair, than deteſt and abhor the baſe and ſiniſter Practices of the Enemies of Peace, in ungratefully endeavouring to obſtruct and fruſtrate Your generous Intentions of procuring them thoſe Bleſſings, which their Obſtinacy in refuſing renders 'em unworthy to partake of; and which indeed ſeem reſerved by Providence, as the peculiar Reward of Your Majeſty's pacifick Temper, and moſt exemplary Piety and Goodneſs.

That Your Majeſty may ſoon happily compleat what You have ſo auſpiciouſly begun, and hitherto ſo ſucceſsfully carried on, maugre all the ſecret Intrigues of a Faction at Home, and the inſatiate Avarice and boundleſs Ambition of ſome Foreign Potentates to the contrary; and which the actual Surrender of *Dunkirk* to Your Majeſty's Forces, gives us great encouragement to hope is far advanced; for the Honour of Your Majeſty, the good of Your Subjects, and the Benefit of thoſe Your Allies, as are ſo wiſe to cloſe in with Your Majeſty's Meaſures for obtaining it. And that You may (tho' late, very late) receive the Bleſſings promiſed to Peace-makers on Earth, by being admitted into the Kingdom of everlaſting Peace, is the ardent and devout Prayer of Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful, Loyal and Obedient Subjects.

Which Addreſſes Her Majeſty received very graciouſly.

Gand, Auguſt 21. *N. S.* The Duke of Ormond continues in his Quarters in this Town, the Troops being ſtill encamped between the Lys and the Canal of Bruges, without putting the Country to any other Charge than that of a competent Quantity of Forage, which the States of Flanders propoſed to deliver, in order to prevent the Inconveniencies that might attend our Men's going to fetch it. The Commanders of the Scottiſh Regiments in Pay of the States-General, have ſent a very reſpectful Meſſage to the Duke, praying that he will be pleaſed to ſend back the Men who have deſerted from them to take Service under his Grace, for the Officers of thoſe Corps will otherwiſe be entirely ruined by the loſs of ſuch conſiderable Numbers as daily leave them to join the Britiſh Army. The Duke has thought fit to comply with their Requeſt, on condition that Pardon be